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The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Assistant Building Official Laurie Powrie, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Police Lieutenant William VanInwegen, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Scouts Delani Ennis, Joey Ennis, Lynnlee Ennis, and William Ennis of Venture Crew 268, Boy Scout Troop 68, Girl Scout Troop 229, and Cub Scout Pack 67 Den 1 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Youth Report, given by Mr. Michael Conklin, included the following:

Youth Report given

- School fall sports are ending and winter sports are starting soon .
- Varsity Football players are heading to Kingston for Section 9 Playoffs Friday October 31.
- Hang up and drive assembly was held on Thursday October 23 where they heard the story of J.C. Good and challenges of driving.
- Farnum house haunting was a success over the past weekend.
- Winter schedule of the indoor walking trail at A.S.K. opens November 18th.
- October is Anti-Bullying Month.
- The Random Acts of kindness club is sponsoring kindness week reading a story about a random act of kindness in hopes that it will inspire others to do something good .
- A.S.K. PTA generously paid for the first grade students to have their own pumpkin patch for their outdoor learning class.
- H.B.E. also participated in kindness week.
- Friday October 31 will be a half day for Schools.

None

Senior Report given

Motioned by Mr. Richie, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting.

Minutes of the 10/14/2014 Meeting approved

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Ms. Gail Schulman, from Westend, spoke about the sewer tax fee and that the elderly should not have to pay. She wishes that it would have come to a public vote.

Public Comment Given

George Patterson, from Deerpark, spoke about his interview process for Building Official and asked about him not being hired for the position. He stated that he felt he was not treated fairly.

Mrs. Lorraine Marquez, Third Ward resident, spoke about our 1% tax cap limit and asked if we could put a statement in writing describing what it is, how it started, and what the shared services are. She agreed with Ms. Schulman, that the Sewer fees should have gone to public referendum. Stated city minutes are an overview of meetings, but was wondering where she could find the videos, you tube channel is not up to date. Mayor responded that he does it himself and is doing his best to keep up to date. She would like a clearer communication from council to the public. Doesn't feel that Council men are listening to their public. Mayor responded that he is trying to make every effort to make as much communication as possible.

Howard Kuperman, Fourth Ward resident, back to discuss the situation at 24-30 Front street with regards to a No Occupancy sign, as well as his building at 34-40 Front Street due to the previously stated building. He wanted to know what was happening to get the building repaired or demolished in order to get his building open. Mayor responded that they have an engineer coming Tuesday 10/28/14 to decide how much of the side wall needs to come down in which we will act upon in two weeks. He claims to have lost two to three prospective tenants due to the situation. The Mayor and Mr. Kuperman came to an agreement that he will get a phone call when a decision is made.

Joe Malfatone, from Third Ward, spoke about the sewer tax fee and the paid parking spots in town. He would like there to be some help for the sewer fees.

Mayor said the simple answer is we are under a court order by the DEC to repair the lines and if we do not we will be fined the only money comes from the tax payers or little bit that we may be given from the State or County. The council is looking for other ways to lower fees.

Mr. Siegel talked upon the parking fees and how it is to help the community.

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Mr. Bell Spoke about the tax lien sale, 156 parcels are still on the list to be sold for back taxes.

Finance Committee discussed new Auditing services.

Discussed 3rd quarter budget review, discussed overage caused by the excess of retirement this year 200,000 more than the 110,000 that was budgeted.

Discussed scheduling of budget presentations to the committee

City Clerks test was also discussed.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Richie, to approve unpaid bills in the following amounts
For payment: General Fund- \$239,990.96 Water Fund- \$68,222.20 and Capital Fun- \$72,451.35

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Finance Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday November 18th at 6:00 due to the upcoming holiday.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve 2014 budget changes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell , Seconded by Mr. Oney, to approve the firm of Bonadio & Co. LLP for 2015 annual Auditing services.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next Finance Committee meeting is Tuesday November 18th at 6:00 due to the upcoming holiday.

Mr. Waligroski, stated that the fire trucks will be out for Halloween on Friday.

The next FEM Committee meeting will be November 15, 2014 after the Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee meeting.

Mr. Siegel invited anyone to come to the next code meeting to participate and express their feelings.

The next Code Committee meeting will be November 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Wallingrowski, to accept the DPW Committee's October's minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The DPW Update included the following:

- Garbage and recycling will be on normal schedule. Badged leafs and brush yard debree will be pick picked up on Mondays November 3rd until further notice in all wards.
- Friday is the 5th Friday of the month and there will be no paper and bag leaf pick up.
- The city transfer station will be open the full week Monday the 3rd until Friday the 7th.

The next DPW -meeting will be held November 17th in council chambers at 6:00pm.

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Committee
Reports
given—Finance
Committee

Fire and
Emergency
Management
(FEM)
Committee

Code
Committee

Department of
Public Works
Committee

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**Police
Committee**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the Police Committee's September's and October's minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the September's monthly police report.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Halloween Curfew for 2014 was read in and motioned by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next Police Committee meeting will be November 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**Liaison Reports
given—
Community
Development
Agency (CDA)**

Mr. Farr and Director Maginsky work on Orange county Municipal grant application for funds related to storm damage from Irene

Following Qualifying preventative projects:

- Department of Public Works relocation for \$3.5 million
- Permanent McCarthur circle for permanent underpass generator \$120,000
- Alternate flood event road access \$410,000

Director Maginsky has been in contact with Amy Vargus Regional Director of Empire State Development about white water park status and to ask about any grant possibilities.

The next CDA meeting will be November 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation building.

**Industrial
Development
Agency (IDA)**

The next IDA meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

ADA

The ADA noted completed curb cuts in fourth ward and on East Main Street.

The next ADA meeting will be announced at a future Council meeting.

**Housing
Authority**

The Housing Authority discussed the house numbering that has been completed and the community room renovations that have begun.

Housing Authority Update:

- 4H meets at Minisink Park on Wednesdays.
- Workman's comp audit has been completed and there were no findings.
- 4th year in a row received an achievement award from the housing insurance fund.

The next Housing Authority meeting will be November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside Terrace.

**Recreation
Commission**

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

- Held the 68th Annual Halloween Parade on October 26, 2014 with a great turn out.
- Busy Body arts and crafts classes are being held at the Youth Center on Sundays from 9-10:30am
- Events this fall and winter include NY Jets football game on November 9, 2014, PORT Pride Day on November 15, 2014, and Youth basketball in December.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be September 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board

Mr. Bavoso thanked the tourism board for a great Fall Foliage Festival.

Mr. Bavoso encourages everyone to attend the the Kris Kindle Mart on November 30th and the tree lighting on November 29th.

The next Tourism Board meeting will be November 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

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The next ZBA meeting will be November 4, 2014 at 7:00. .

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Zoning Board
of Appeals (ZBA)
And Planning
Board

The planning board Update:
Ming Moon is interested in 59 Front Street.
MSR Auto Sales on 50 Fowler Street.

The next Planning Board meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Plumbing and Electrical Boards' meetings will be November 5, 2104 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Plumbing &
Electrical

There are no issues to report.

Senior Advisory

There was no Access 23 TV report given.
There was a correspondence with the President of the station about needing a report.

Access 23 TV

Mayor Decker welcomes new Building Official David Rivera.

Mayor's
Correspondence
reviewed

Update:
Community Service Saturdays 9am – 12pm end of April until the end of October
Cleaned up canal park and canal, as well as opened the tow path. Thanks to all that volunteered
and hopes everyone comes back for April.

Encourages people who are planning to do improvements on their house to look into 421F
(reduction on new assessed value).

Promotes new website, and newsletter coming.

Rupco and NYSEDA are having a workshop at the Library from 6:30-8:30 to teach free and
cheap ways to save on heating bills.

November 1st Daughters of the American Revolution Monument Ceremony is at 1:00pm.

DMV is here to stay, they are looking at the old Wells building on Orchard Street.

Encourages people to come to Tree Lighting Nov. 29th on and Kris Kindle Mart on Nov. 30th

Encourages the public to call his office or email him in order to clear up any confusion they may
have.

Mrs. Waizenegger spoke about being appreciative to all of the volunteers on Election Day
November 4th and encourages all to vote.

City Clerk-
Treasurer's
Report given

Talked about new Firm change for audit services, it is the first change in 30-35 years and we are
saving \$20,000.

Encourages anyone to talk to councilmen about any ideas they may have to help reduce expenses
for what is planning to be a tough budget year for 2015.

Mr. Siegel encourages the community to volunteer or donate financially to help out Port Jervis to
become a better place. He would like anyone to let the City know if they see any code violations.

Old Business
discussed

Mr. Bavoso thanks Tourism Board for a great job with last year's Kris Kindle Mart and states
that vendors have doubled from last year. Gives condolences to Jerry Cohen's family for his
passing. Talks on the sewer fee and how he understands that it's not an easy choice but a
necessary decision and had he been at the last meeting that he would have voted yes.

Mr. Waligroski commended DPW for clearing up the water after an accident where a fire hydrant
was hit by a car in the 1st ward.

Mr. Bell also gives his condolences to Jerry Cohen's family. He points out that Mrs. Waizenegger
was talking about savings of \$20,000 a year for Auditing Services and there is a three year contract
so a total savings of \$60,000.

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New Business
Discussed

Mr. Waligroski talks about how beautiful it is up at Point Peter and what a luxury it is to have something like that here in our community for free.

Mr. Cunningham reminds everyone to get out and vote Tuesday, November 12, 2014.

Mr. Bavoso makes a motion, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Tourism Board to hang banners for Christmas Market where fall foliage banner were hung.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Bavoso congratulates Up Front Exhibition Space in Port Jervis for receiving the Best Arts Organization from Orange County Arts Counsel. He also directs to Mr. Siegel and members of Code Committee to take a look at the zoning map, to make sure it will allow for amenities such as the water park.

Mr. Hendrick makes a motion, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow City Clerk to dispose of a CDA vehicle.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Executive Session
set

Mr. Hendrick makes a motion, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow Executive session to include contractual, Recreational personal, Contractual Audit Services, and with invitation to department heads.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Ritchie encourages community from 2nd ward to reach out if there is any department head they would like at the next watch meeting.

Mr. Siegel invites all member heads to the 4th ward watch meeting. Talks about Engineers results of 24-30 Front Street and maybe an emergency meeting immediately after. Encourages everyone to do research on the Education Loan before the vote on Tuesday November 4th.

Mr. Waligroski motions, seconded by Mr. Bell to go into executive session.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting
Reconvened at
9:30pm

Mr. Siegel talks about a reduction in parking fee to be lowered, decision to be held at the next code meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to sell 46-48 Front St. to Anthony for \$42,000 with a stipulation of getting the building back in service within a year or returned to the City at no cost.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Bavoso) CARRIED

A motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to eliminate dump passes as of January 1, 2015. Mr. Bell informs that 2013 revenue for the pass was a total of \$1,550 the cost was \$52,672.14.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Waligroski motioned, seconded by Mr. Bell that Nicole Stellotto be approved as Busy Body Instructor for 2014.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Cunningham motioned, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow City Clerk-Treasurer, DPW Director, Police Chief and Police Lieutenant VanInwegen to carry holidays, personal days, and vacation time over from 2014 into 2015.

Mr. Ritchie notes that it is based on coverage for Clerks Office, Police Department, and retirement of our DPW Director.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer